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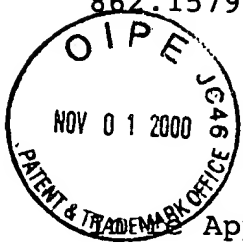
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, ET AL.

Appln. No.: Unassigned

(Div. of 08/689,054

filed July 30, 1996)

Filed: October 27, 2000

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R.
 §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the
documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the
listed documents also is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following
commonly-assigned U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
08/689,054	7/30/1996	2713	Allowed

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of
any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

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FEE/STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

REMARKS

This Information Disclosure Statement incorporates all references cited in parent Application No. 08/689,054, of which this application is a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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